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SUBJECT: GHANAIANS TO SEND AN ADDITIONAL 206 MEN TO  
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REF: STATE 174013 (NOTAL)

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT

2. IN A JULY 5 CALL TO CHARGE, PRESIDENTIAL SECRETARY JAMES AMISSAH SAID THAT FOLLOWING RECENT "PRESSURE FROM ABOVE," THE MILITARY WAS PREPARING FOR THE IMMINENT DEPARTURE FOR RWANDA OF 206 MEN WHO WOULD REINFORCE THE 350-MAN CONTINGENT ALREADY ON THE GROUND. AMISSAH EXPLAINED THAT THIS MOVE HAD BEEN PLANNED BY THE GHANA

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ARMED FORCES FOR MUCH LATER IN THE MONTH BUT THAT THE GAF HAD BEEN PREVAILED UPON TO SPEED UP ITS PREPARATIONS AND TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE MILITARY EQUIPMENT ALREADY ARRIVING IN RWANDA. IN ANSWER TO WHETHER PRESIDENT RAWLINGS WOULD BE REPLYING TO A/S MOOSE'S JUNE 30 LETTER (REFTEL), AMISSAH SAID WE COULD TAKE THE NEWS OF THIS MILITARY MOVE AS HIS RESPONSE. CHARGE THANKED AMISSAH FOR INFORMATION ON THIS LATEST DEVELOPMENT.

3. EMBOFF SPOKE SUBSEQUENTLY WITH COLONEL CARL COLEMAN, DIRECTOR OF ARMY OPERATIONS, WHO SAID THAT THE ADDITIONAL MEN, WHO WERE NEEDED TO "BEEF UP" GHANAIAN FORCES ALREADY IN RWANDA, COULD LEAVE ABOARD COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT AS EARLY AS JULY 6. COLEMAN CONFIRMED THAT THE DECISION TO SEND THE TROOPS WAS THE RESULT OF A RECENT MILITARY ASSESSMENT MISSION SENT TO RWANDA.

4. COMMENT: IT WOULD APPEAR THAT IN THIS INSTANCE, PRESSURE FROM THE PRESIDENT HIMSELF WAS THE KEY TO AN ACCELERATION OF GHANA'S COMMITMENT TO AN EXPANDED

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UNAMIR. THAT SUCH HIGH LEVEL URGING TOOK PLACE IS A REFLECTION OF THE STRENGTH OF THE PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL COMMITMENT TO GHANA'S PARTICIPATION IN LIFE SAVING OPERATIONS IN RWANDA. IT IS ALSO A COMMENT ON THE CONCERNS, AND PERHAPS EVEN HESITANCY, ON THE PART OF THE MILITARY ABOUT THEIR ROLE THERE.

5. BUJUMBURA - MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. LEDESMA

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